

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 4, 14, 18, 28, 32, 42, and 55-60 amend claims 1, 11, 15, 25, 29, and 39 and add new claims 61-66 as follows:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for enabling cellular instant messaging comprising:

(a) ~~receiving, in a cellular phone's home cellular network, a telemetry message from a foreign cellular network wherein:~~

~~(i) the telemetry message was originally transmitted from a first cellular phone to the foreign cellular network; wherein the telemetry message comprises~~

~~(i) the telemetry comprises an indication that the first cellular phone has been powered on; and~~

~~(ii) the telemetry message comprises a remote feature activation message and indicates the availability on the cellular network of the first cellular phone, and wherein the remote feature activation message that is interpreted by the foreign cellular network as a roaming cellular phone desiring to activate/deactivate a feature;~~

(b) ~~in response to the home cellular network receiving the telemetry message, storing information regarding the first cellular phone in an instant messaging database, wherein the information comprises a buddy list; and~~

(c) ~~transmitting a browser alert to one or more relevant buddies identified in the buddy list.~~

2. (CANCELED)

3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 1 wherein the telemetry message further comprises a registration notification message.

4. (CANCELLED)

5. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 wherein the instant messaging database is maintained by an instant messaging partner.

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 1 wherein the information further comprises a customer's profile for the first cellular phone.

7. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 wherein the one or more relevant buddies comprise one or more cellular phones that have the first cellular phone on the buddy list.

8. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 wherein the one or more relevant buddies comprise buddies on the first cellular phone's buddy list.

9. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 wherein the one or more relevant buddies comprise computers connected to the Internet.

10. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 1 further comprising utilizing a short message service to deliver text messages using the first cellular phone.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for enabling cellular instant messaging comprising:

(a) transmitting, from a first cellular phone to a foreign cellular network, a telemetry message, wherein:

(i) the telemetry message comprises an indication that the first cellular phone has been powered on; and

(ii) the telemetry message comprises a remote feature activation message, wherein the telemetry message indicates the first cellular phone's availability on the cellular network, and wherein the remote feature activation message is interpreted by the foreign cellular network as a roaming cellular phone desiring to activate/deactivate a feature, and wherein the foreign cellular network forwards the telemetry message to the first cellular phone's home cellular network; and

~~(b)~~ receiving a browser alert, on the first cellular phone, indicating availability of buddies on a buddy list of the first cellular phone.

12. (CANCELED)

13. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 11 wherein the telemetry message further comprises a registration notification message.

14. (CANCELED)

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A system for enabling cellular instant messaging comprising:

(a) an instant messaging database configured to maintain information regarding a first cellular phone, wherein the information comprises a buddy list;

(b) a home cellular network;

~~(c) a foreign cellular network; and~~

~~(d)~~ a server, ~~on the home cellular network~~, configured to:

(i) receive a telemetry message comprising a remote feature activation message ~~from the foreign cellular network, wherein the telemetry message was originally transmitted from the first cellular phone, wherein the telemetry message indicates that the first cellular phone has been powered on the availability of the first cellular phone on the cellular network, and wherein the remote feature activation message is interpreted by the foreign cellular network as a roaming cellular phone desiring to activate/deactivate a feature; and~~

(ii) transmit, in response to home cellular network receiving the telemetry message, a browser alert to one or more relevant buddies identified in the buddy list.

16. (CANCELED)

17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 15 wherein the telemetry message further comprises a registration notification message.

18. (CANCELLED)
19. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 15 further comprising an instant messaging partner that is configured to maintain the instant messaging database.
20. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 15 wherein the information further comprises a customer's profile for the first cellular phone.
21. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 15 wherein the one or more relevant buddies comprise one or more cellular phones that have the first cellular phone on the buddy list.
22. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 15 wherein the one or more relevant buddies comprise buddies on the first cellular phone's buddy list.
23. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 15 wherein the one or more relevant buddies comprise computers connected to the Internet.
24. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 15 wherein the server is further configured to utilize a short message service to deliver text messages using the first cellular phone.
25. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A system for enabling cellular instant messaging comprising a first cellular phone configured to:
- (a) transmit, to a foreign cellular network, a telemetry message, wherein:
 - (i) the telemetry message comprises an indication that the first cellular phone has been powered on; and
 - (ii) the telemetry message comprises comprising a remote feature activation message, wherein the telemetry message indicates the first cellular phone's availability on the cellular network, and wherein the remote feature activation message is interpreted by the foreign cellular network as a roaming cellular phone desiring to activate/deactivate a feature,

and wherein the foreign cellular network forwards the telemetry message to the first cellular phone's home cellular network;

(b) receive a browser alert indicating availability of buddies on a buddy list of the first cellular phone.

26. (CANCELED)

27. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 25 wherein the telemetry message further comprises a registration notification message.

28. (CANCELED)

29. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An article of manufacture comprising a program storage medium readable by a computer hardware device and embodying one or more instructions executable by the computer hardware device to perform a method for enabling cellular instant messaging, the method comprising:

(a) receiving, in a home cellular network, a telemetry message, from a foreign cellular network, wherein:

(i) the telemetry message was originally transmitted from a first cellular phone, to the foreign cellular network;

(ii) the telemetry message comprises an indication that the first cellular phone has been powered on; and

(iii) the telemetry message comprises comprising a remote feature activation message wherein the telemetry message indicates the availability on a cellular network of the first cellular phone, and wherein the remote feature activation message is interpreted by the foreign cellular network as a roaming cellular phone desiring to activate/deactivate a feature;

(b) in response to the home cellular network receiving of the telemetry message, storing information regarding the first cellular phone in an instant messaging database, wherein the information comprises a buddy list; and

(c) the home cellular network transmitting a browser alert to one or more relevant buddies identified in the buddy list.

30. (CANCELED)

31. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The article of manufacture of claim 29 wherein the telemetry message further comprises a registration notification message.

32. (CANCELED)

33. (ORIGINAL) The article of manufacture of claim 29 wherein the instant messaging database is maintained by an instant messaging partner.

34. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The article of manufacture of claim 29 wherein the information further comprises a customer's profile for the first cellular phone.

35. (ORIGINAL) The article of manufacture of claim 29 wherein the one or more relevant buddies comprise one or more cellular phones that have the first cellular phone on the buddy list.

36. (ORIGINAL) The article of manufacture of claim 29 wherein the one or more relevant buddies comprise buddies on the first cellular phone's buddy list.

37. (ORIGINAL) The article of manufacture of claim 29 wherein the one or more relevant buddies comprise computers connected to the Internet.

38. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The article of manufacture of claim 29, the method further comprising utilizing a short message service to deliver text messages using the first cellular phone.

39. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An article of manufacture comprising a program storage medium readable by a computer hardware device and embodying one or more instructions

executable by the computer hardware device to perform a method for enabling cellular instant messaging, the method comprising:

(a) ~~transmitting to a foreign cellular network, from a first cellular phone, a telemetry message, wherein:~~

~~(i) the telemetry message comprises an indication that the first cellular phone has been powered on; and~~

~~(ii) comprising the telemetry messages comprises a remote feature activation message, wherein the telemetry message indicates the first cellular phone's availability on the cellular network, and, wherein the remote feature activation message is interpreted by the cellular network as a roaming cellular phone desiring to activate/deactivate a feature, and wherein the foreign cellular network forwards the telemetry message to the first cellular phone's home cellular network;~~

~~(b) receiving a browser alert, on the first cellular phone, indicating availability of buddies on a buddy list of the first cellular phone.~~

40. (CANCELED)

41. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The article of manufacture of claim 39 wherein the telemetry message further comprises a registration notification message.

42. (CANCELLED)

43. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 1 wherein the remote feature activation message comprises data encoded in a dialed digits field of a message.

44. (CANCELLED)

45. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 11 wherein the remote feature activation message comprises data encoded in a dialed digits field of a message.

46. (CANCELLED)

47. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 15 wherein the remote feature activation message comprises data encoded in a dialed digits field of a message.

48. (CANCELLED)

49. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 25 wherein the remote feature activation message comprises data encoded in a dialed digits field of a message.

50. (CANCELLED)

51. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The article of manufacture of claim 29 wherein the remote feature activation message comprises data encoded in a dialed digits field of a message.

52. (CANCELLED)

53. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The article of manufacture of claim 39 wherein the remote feature activation message comprises data encoded in a dialed digits field of a message.

54. (CANCELLED)

55-60. (CANCELLED)

61. (NEW) The method of claim 1 further comprising, receiving in the cellular phone's home cellular network, a second telemetry message from a foreign cellular network, wherein the second telemetry message comprises a standard registration message originally transmitted from the first cellular phone to the foreign cellular network.

62. (NEW) The method of claim 11 further comprising, transmitting, from the first cellular phone to the foreign cellular network, a second telemetry message, wherein the second telemetry message comprises a standard registration message that will be forwarded by the foreign cellular network to the home cellular network.

63. (NEW) The system of claim 15, wherein the server is further configured to receive, a second telemetry message from the foreign cellular network, wherein the second telemetry message

comprises a standard registration message originally transmitted from the first cellular phone to the foreign cellular network.

64. (NEW) The system of claim 25, wherein the first cellular phone is further configured to transmit a second telemetry message to the foreign cellular network, wherein the second telemetry message comprises a standard registration message that will be forwarded by the foreign cellular network to the home cellular network.

65. (NEW) The article of manufacture of claim 29, wherein the method further comprises: receiving in the cellular phone's home cellular network, a second telemetry message from the foreign cellular network, wherein the second telemetry message comprises a standard registration message originally transmitted from the first cellular phone to the foreign cellular network.

66. (NEW) The article of manufacture of claim 39, wherein the method further comprises transmitting, from the first cellular phone to the foreign cellular network, a second telemetry message, wherein the second telemetry message comprises a standard registration message that will be forwarded by the foreign cellular network to the home cellular network.